

REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 14, 15, 17 to 26, and 28 to 35 are pending in the application. Claims 14 and 25 are independent claims.

Support For Claim Amendments

Claim 14

Amended independent claim 14 is a combination of prior independent claim 14, prior dependent claim 16 (now canceled) and a portion of prior dependent claim 17.

Prior dependent claim 17 disclosed the “plurality of magnetic shield members”. Prior dependent claim 16 disclosed “the holding member is a translucent heat insulating member positioned close to the magnetic shield member”. Prior dependent claim 17 disclosed the translucent heat insulating member being “filled between the magnetic shield members for holding the magnetic shield members”.

Claim 25

Amended independent claim 25 is a combination of prior independent claim 25, prior dependent claim 27 (now canceled) and a portion of prior dependent claim 28.

Prior dependent claim 28 disclosed the “plurality of magnetic shield members”. Prior dependent claim 27 disclosed “the holding member is a heat insulating member positioned close to the magnetic shield member”. Prior dependent claim 28 disclosed the heat insulating member being “filled between the magnetic shield members for holding the magnetic shield members”.

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicants are pleased to note that the Office Action advised at page 5 that dependent claims 17 and 28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim

but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

§102/§103

Claims 25 to 27, 29 to 32, 34 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,335,838 to Simola.

Claims 14 to 16, 18 to 24 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,335,838 to Simola.

These rejections, as applied to the amended claims, are respectfully traversed.

It is noted that WO 03/059030 published July 17, 2003 is a counterpart to U.S. Patent No. 7,335,838.

Patentability

In the Office Action, U.S. Patent No. 7,335,838 (Simola) has been newly cited as disclosing a holding member (6) for holding magnetic shield members (2, 3). However, member 6 in Simola is referred to as “a cover strip”, which is attached to the outside of a seam area between two adjacent wall elements 103, as described in column 12, between lines 14 and 34 and Fig. 5, etc. Therefore, cover strip 6 in Simola is not filled between the magnetic shield members.

On the other hand, according to the present invention, defined in amended independent claims 14 and 25, by filling a heat insulating member between the magnetic shield members, the heat insulating member of the present invention has a holding function so as to avoid deflection of the magnetic shield member, as well as a heat-insulating function.

Simola and none of the cited references disclose or suggest such a feature of the present invention.

It is therefore submitted that independent claims 14 and 25, and all claims dependent thereof, are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,335,838 to Simola.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that in view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that the application, as amended, be allowed and passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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